

Some of the many
species at the Arboretum:

<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horsechestnut
<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i>	Serviceberry
<i>Betula platyphylla</i>	Japanese White Birch
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet Vine
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	European Hornbeam
<i>Cersis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud
<i>Chaenomeles japonica</i>	Japanese Quince
<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i>	Hinoki False Cypress
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	White Fringetree
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	Katsuratree
<i>Clethera alnifolia</i>	Summersweet Clethera
<i>Cornus kousa</i>	Kousa Dogwood
<i>Crataegus viridis</i>	Green Hawthorne
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Ginkgo
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honey Locust
<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky Coffeetree
<i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>	Yellow Witchhazel
<i>Halesia carolina</i>	Carolina Silverbell
<i>Heptacodium miconioides</i>	Seven-son Flower
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry
<i>Juniperus Formosan</i>	Formosan Juniper
<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	Golden Raintree
<i>Larix laricina</i>	American Larch
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Tree
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweetgum
<i>Malus spp.</i>	Apple
<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	Dawn Redwood
<i>Morus rubra 'pendula'</i>	Red Weeping Mulberry
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Tupelo
<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	Sourwood
<i>Parrotia persica</i>	Persian Parrotia
<i>Philadelphus x virginalis</i>	Mock Orange
<i>Prunus subhirtella</i>	Weeping Cherry
<i>Prunus 'Holly Jolivette'</i>	Flowering Mist Cherry
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Flowering Pear
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak
<i>Rhododendron 'Olga'</i>	Rhododendron Olga
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black Locust
<i>Salix sachalinensis</i>	Fasciated Willow
<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	Sassafras
<i>Sciadopitys verticillata</i>	Japanese Umbrella Pine
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>	Korean Mountain Ash
<i>Spiraea x vanhouttei</i>	Vanhoutte spirea
<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>	Japanese Stewartia
<i>Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'</i>	Littleleaf Linden
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry

The Orchard Arboretum at Applewood

A place to enjoy
the trees, the view,
the quiet.

The Orchard Arboretum
has a diverse collection
of more than 75
common and unusual
species of
trees and shrubs
to be enjoyed during
all seasons by
Applewood residents
and the community.

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Applewood Garden
& Arboretum Committee
and the Town of Amherst
Conservation Department



Located on the south
side of the Applewood
Retirement Community
on Spencer Drive
off West Bay Road
Amherst, Mass



The Orchard Arboretum is a town conservation area, open to the public from dawn to dusk.

It is ideal for birding, photography, reading, botanical study, contemplation, conversation.

The paved path is accessible for wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers.

No pets please.



History of the Orchard Arboretum

Much of the hillside south of Bay Road in South Amherst had for many years been covered with apple orchards owned by the Atkins Family. However, as the orchard began to age and became unprofitable, it was gradually abandoned or sold off for development.



Attracted by the scenic location, in 1991, a small group dedicated to having a retirement community in Amherst bought 16 acres here and built the Applewood Retirement Community. Many residents cherished the overgrown apple orchard across from the main entrance, and having always considered it a part of Applewood, were stunned to learn in January 1994 that it was going to be sold for a condominium development.

Applewood residents and others in the community, including major support from a bequest given by Janet Dakin, raised the \$175,000 needed to purchase the 6-acre orchard. The Kestrel Trust, a local land trust, assisted in acquiring the land and then transferred it to the Town of Amherst under the care and control of the Conservation Department with the proviso that it would be maintained as open land in perpetuity.

The Applewood Garden-Arboretum Committee works with the Conservation Department to help finance and maintain a 1-acre area as an arboretum. The aging apple trees have gradually been replaced with more than 130 trees and shrubs covering more than 75 species. Many of them were planted in memoriam by Applewood residents and their families. Additional contributions have allowed for the installation of benches and a paved walkway making it accessible for all users. The Town Conservation Department maintains the remaining 5 acres of the conservation area as old field habitat for birds and wildlife.

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